Many Roads Will Lead Texas to the 60x30 Educated Population Goal



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The plan drives more students toward...

- Completing credentials
- · Gaining marketable skills
- Limiting student debt

These three goals move the state toward the overarching goal of building a highly educated and skilled workforce



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Educated Population



Completion Marketable Skills



Student Debt

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Many students follow a pathway directly from K-12 to higher education, though too few succeed today

22 percent of 8th graders complete a credential 11 years later

Texas public school 8th graders

- Complete high school within 5 years
- Complete a certificate or degree within 6 years

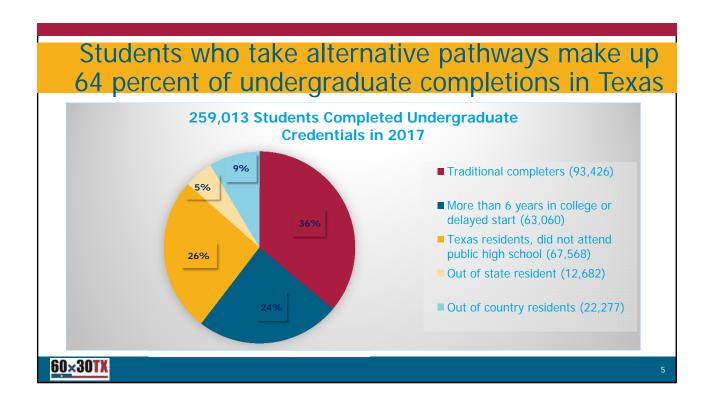
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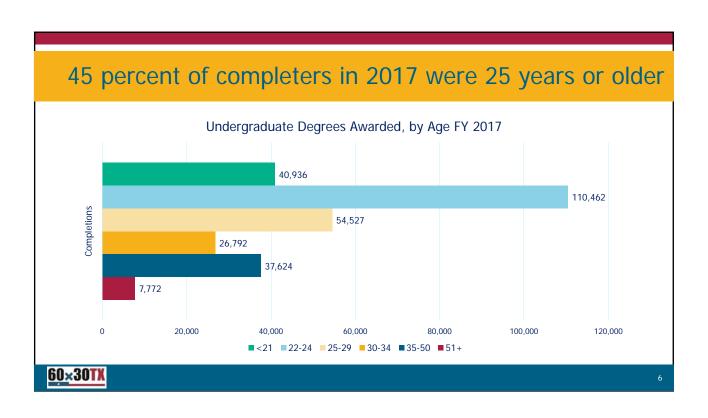
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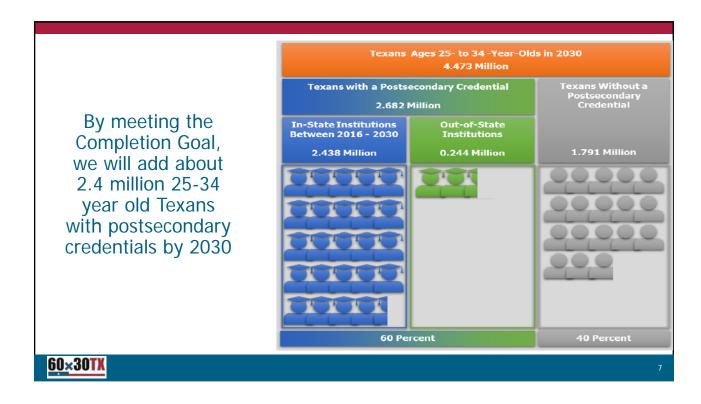
The 60x30 Educated Population goal counts residents who follow a variety of education pathways, including those who. . .

- Migrate into TX with credentials or migrate to TX to earn a credential and stay
- Receive credentials in-state after attending public high school in TX
- Receive credentials in-state after earning GEDs, attending private high school or homeschooling
- Receive credentials in-state as adult students who did not go directly from high school or stopped out and returned to complete college
- Went to high school in TX, left the state to complete higher education, and returned

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Texas is making steady progress toward 60x30

Goal	2016	2017	One-Year Improvement (pc=point change)	Annual % Increase Needed	2030 Goal/Target
60x30*	41.0%	42.3%	1.3% pc	1.3% pc	60%
Completion	321,410	333,920	3.9%	3.9%	550,000

- In the decade preceding the plan, the annual growth in attainment was 1.1 percentage points averaged across the 5 highest years.
- 3.9 percent growth rates falls in the range of past improvement for completions (ranging from 2.6-4.8 percent)

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While achievement of the 60x30 Educated Population Goal is possible, systemic improvements are essential for success

- Retain Texas graduates
- Recruit graduates from other states
- Strength of our economy is critical
 - Economic development and job opportunities
 - 21st century industries
 - Competitive wages

- Invest in and improve traditional pathways through Texas K-12 schools to ensure students are college ready
- Improving non-traditional pathways into and through higher education

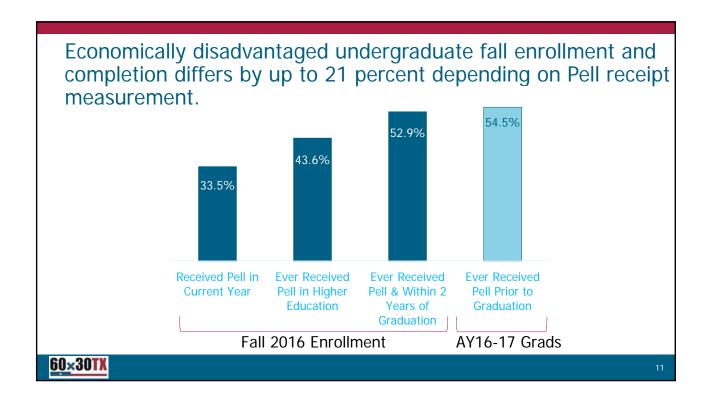
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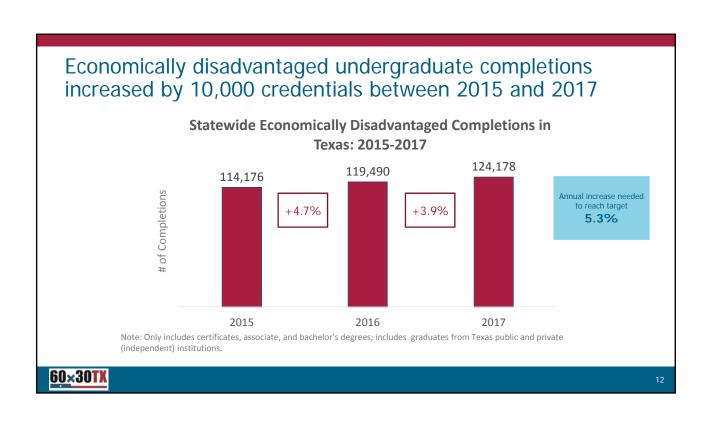
Data Highlight: Economically Disadvantaged Undergraduate Students at Texas Higher Education Institutions

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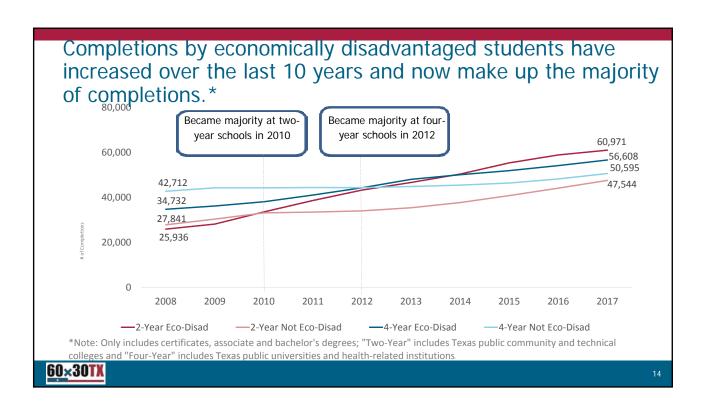


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Key Takeaways

- Completions by economically disadvantaged students have grown steadily over time and now make up the majority of undergraduate completions in the state.
- This has primarily been driven by the increase in the economically disadvantaged student population (both in K-12 and higher education).
- Increased support to this group will be critical to meeting the target of 246,000 economically disadvantaged student completions in 2030.

